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Credentials of representatives to the International Meeting

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Anthony David **Edghill** (Trinidad and Tobago)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States provides as follows:

> "A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the International Meeting. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-ninth session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the International Meeting without delay."

2. At its first plenary meeting, on 10 January 2005, the International Meeting was informed that of the nine members which compose the Credentials Committee for the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, five countries, namely, Benin, Bhutan, Ghana, Liechtenstein and Uruguay, had indicated that they would not attend the International Meeting. The International Meeting decided that rule 51.2 of the rules of procedure would be suspended in order that the Credentials Committee be convoked with the following four members present: China, the Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago and the United States of America.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 12 January 2005.

4. Anthony David Edghill (Trinidad and Tobago) was unanimously elected Chairman.

5. The Credentials Committee had before it a memorandum by the secretariat of the International Meeting, dated 12 January 2005, concerning the credentials of representatives of States and of the European Community to the International Meeting. The representative of the Legal Counsel of the United Nations made a statement relating to the memorandum by the secretariat of the International Meeting.

6. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the International Meeting, in the

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form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the International Meeting, had been received as at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 51 States and the European Community: Bahrain, Belize, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, China, Cook Islands, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, the Holy See, India, Kenya, Jamaica, Japan, Kiribati, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Nauru, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

7. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of States to the International Meeting had been communicated to the secretariat of the International Meeting, as at the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the ministries, embassies or permanent missions concerned, by the following 49 States: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Chile, the Comoros, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominica, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malta, the Marshall Islands, Mozambique, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Niue, Pakistan, the Philippines, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Sudan, Suriname, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Vanuatu and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

8. The Chairman recommended that the Credentials Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all States and of the European Community mentioned in the memorandum of the secretariat of the International Meeting, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 6 above would be communicated to the secretariat of the International Meeting as soon as possible.

9. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Credentials Committee adopted the following draft resolution:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States referred to in the memorandum of the secretariat of the International Meeting dated 12 January 2005,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Community referred to in the above-mentioned memorandum."

10. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

11. The Chairman then proposed that the Credentials Committee recommend to the plenary of the International Meeting the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 13 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the International Meeting.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the plenary of the International Meeting the adoption of the following draft resolution:

> **"Credentials of representatives to the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States**
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> "*The International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*,
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> "*Having considered* the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,
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> "*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."